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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 102

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- 1 A Resolution honoring the over 200 years of peace,
- 2 prosperity, and kinship between the peoples of
- 3 Canada and the United States, and recognizing
- 4 February 4, 2014, as Canada Day at the Iowa Capitol.
- 5 WHEREAS, Canada and the United States share a
- 6 5,500-mile border, the world's longest unmilitarized
- 7 border, over which 300,000 people cross between the
- 8 countries every day; and
- 9 WHEREAS, our two nations share a peaceful and
- 10 democratic heritage which spans centuries; and
- 11 WHEREAS, with these shared traditions, values, and
- 12 heritage our two nations have fostered one of the most
- 13 successful international relationships in the modern
- 14 world; and
- WHEREAS, acting as partners in peace and allies in
- 16 war, for over 100 years Canada and the United States
- 17 have stood together, promoting mutual prosperity and
- 18 fighting tyranny and terrorism in a partnership that
- 19 remains resolute today; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the United States is Canada's largest
- 21 export market, with two-way trade in goods and
- 22 services between the nations totaling \$710 billion, or
- 23 approximately \$1.4 million every minute, reflecting the
- 24 deep integration of our nations' economies; and
- 25 WHEREAS, the relationship between Canada and
- 26 Iowa is equally strong, consisting of a complex and
- 27 growing network of social, economic, and even familial
- 28 ties; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, it is estimated that over 100,000 jobs
- 2 in Iowa are supported by Canada-United States trade
- 3 and 3,700 Iowans are employed by Canadian-owned
- 4 businesses; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Canada is Iowa's top export market,
- 6 with Iowa exports to Canada valued annually at \$4.3
- 7 billion and Iowa imports from Canada valued at \$3.1
- 8 billion; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Iowa exports to Canada include steel
- 10 products, oilseed cake and meal, organic chemicals,
- 11 air conditioning and refrigeration units, and
- 12 tractors, while Iowa imports include natural gas, oils,
- 13 fertilizers, live animals, and steel products; NOW
- 14 THEREFORE,
- 15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
- 16 honors the relationships between the peoples and the
- 17 governments of Canada, the United States, and Iowa,
- 18 friends and neighbors in peace, allies in war, and
- 19 partners in economic prosperity; and
- 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in honor of our strong
- 21 and growing relationship, the Senate recognizes
- 22 Tuesday, February 4, 2014, as Canada Day at the Iowa
- 23 Capitol.